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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with great pleasure that I can inform you of two major legislative victories. Over the last several months we have been aggressively lobbying to stop any cuts to the Local Government Funds in the State Budget and for the passage of S.S.B. 82 in the Senate, prohibiting residency requirements.

Today I am proud to say that we have achieved both of those goals. We accomplished this by working with our bi-partisan friends in the Ohio House and Ohio Senate. We developed a clear message and stuck with it throughout the process. We mobilized our members for grassroots campaigning and succeeded.

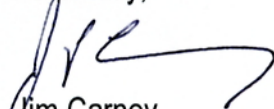
I am proud of all of the Officers, Staff, and Legislative Committee for their extraordinary efforts. I must also thank President Sanders and Secretary-Treasurer Horton for their guidance and at times encouragement. We are very early in this General Assembly and we will continue to work diligently for the passage of our legislative priorities.

Now that the State Budget process has concluded our other issues will be on the forefront, not only with the OAPFF but also our Bill Sponsors. As you can see in the Legislative updates we are tracking many bills and we are making progress and achieving viable compromises on many of them.

I also want to thank all of the members who took the time to write, call, fax or email their legislators. Your efforts were certainly the backbone of our success. I need to give a special thanks to President Jack Reall and 1st V.P. Jim Davis of Columbus Local 67 and their members for their participation in our press conferences and other events regarding the budget process.

However we must not become complacent. All of our issues will need strong grassroots efforts from our members. Even if an issue may not pertain to you or your local we must work together in solidarity to forward our agenda. Thank you for your time and efforts.

Fraternally,


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